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PART--I-- Orders and Notifications by the Government of Tripura,  
The High Court, Government Treasury etc.

**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE**

No.F.25(74)-AGRI/SARS/MOVCD/2021-22/420-31

Dated, Agartala, the 18th April, 2022.

### NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the Government approval vide U. No.524 Sec /Agri/Horti Date 01.04.2022 an organic certification agency will set up under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in the state of Tripura, for the benefit of the farmers' involved in the organic farming under NPOP. The name of the agency shall be **Tripura State Organic Product Certification Agency (TSOPCA)**, Agartala, Tripura. The Tripura State Organic Product Certification Agency (TSOPCA) will step forward for necessary accreditation from the accreditation agency, APEDA, approved by the ministry of commerce, Govt. of India, to discharge the role. The Chief functions and responsibilities of the Tripura State Organic Product Certification Agency (TSOPCA) shall be as follows

1. To certify organic product and handling system of-

- a. Organic agricultural farming
- b. Forest and wild products (non-timber)
- c. By default organic produces
- d. Livestock, Poultry products.
- e. Beekeeping/Apiculture
- f. Aquaculture production
- g. Certification of organic processing and handling operations

2. To facilitate Farmers' opting for organic farming are required to be register as per guideline of NPOP.

3. To maintain an Internal Quality System for better implementation.

4. To do all activities so that the certification agency shall clearly laid down policy and procedures, to be free from vested interest or otherwise.

5. To ensure effective implementation, Certification body shall periodically review its quality system.

6. To outline the procedure of each category for certifying organic production and handling system in the country and abroad as per National and International organic standards.

7. To certify environment friendly production of food and the preservation of natural resources, like - Promotion of improvement of the soil quality and sustainable farming practices

8. To promote certified organic agriculture-generic information, training and awareness programme to all certified operations in non-discrimination manner.

9. To provide impartial inspection and certification services.

10. To carry out the educational programme designed to promote the practices of organic production & certification in compliance with organic standards as per NPOP.

11. To Grant Certificates (including scope certificate, product certificate, transaction certificate licence) whichever is applicable and maintenance of such records to verify organic production certification.

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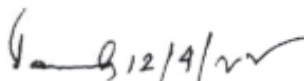
12. To Inspect production and handling unit as per National and International Organic Standards of each category.
13. To maintain a list of organic input producers/suppliers/manufacturers approved by organic certification Agency.
14. To test the sample as per NPOP guidelines (produce and processed product) from approved organic testing laboratory.
15. To ensure periodical inspection (announced and unannounced) so that Organic Certifications norms are not violated.
16. To co-operate with the institutions, societies, associations or bodies having objects wholly, partly similar to those of the Agency.
17. To make adetail arrangement for the certification of specific organic programme in association with the other Organic Certification Agencies as per advice of the APEDA.
18. To establish and support or aid in the establishment of any institution or association calculated to assist the Agency in the conduct of its business.

Policy making, creation of a reserve fund, investment of fund, etc. deemed necessary for the purpose for which the Agency has been established with a view to constitute the Agency, the State Government have been pleased to allow the following officials to be associated with the Tripura State Organic Product Certification Agency (TSOPCA) to act as a Governing body of the agency.

Structure	Position
i) Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura	Chairman
ii) Director of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, Tripura	Member
iii) Director of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Tripura	Member
iv) Director of Fishery Department, Govt. of Tripura	Member
v) Director of Forest Department, Tripura	Member
vi) Director of Animal Husbandry Department, Tripura	Member
vii) Principal, College of Agriculture, Tripura	Member
viii) Principle Officer, TTADC	Member
ix) Joint Director, ICAR, Tripura	Member
x) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the organic certification agency (Joint Director of Agriculture)	Member Secretary

They will meet and take immediate steps for adoption of the bye-laws and register the Agency under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Agency shall frame its own rules of business which would include financial, budgetary and accounting rules.

Order—Ordered that this Notification be published in the next issue of the official Gazette and copy shall be forwarded to all Departments of Government/all Heads of all Departments/all Deputy Director of Agriculture, /all Deputy Director of Horticulture for information.

  
(S. DEBBARMA)

Under Secretary to the  
Government of Tripura

To-

1. The P.S. to the Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura for kind appraisal of the Secretary.
2. The Director of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department, Tripura for information.
3. The Director of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Tripura, for information.
4. The Director, Department of Fishery, Govt. of Tripura, for information.
5. The Director, Department of Forest, Tripura, for information.
6. The Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Tripura, for information.
7. The Principal, College of Agriculture, Lembucherra, Tripura, for information.
8. The Principle Officer, TTADC, for information.
9. The Joint Director, ICAR, Lembucherra, Tripura, for information.
10. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the organic certification agency (Joint Director of Agriculture) for information.